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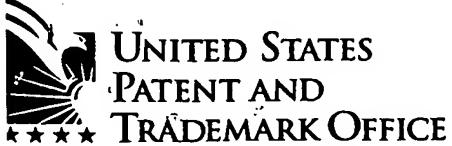
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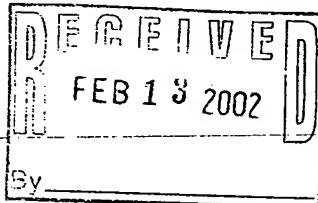
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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on June 13, 2001

and which has been accorded Application No. 09/879,184

and in and to said application; and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted, thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent upon said inventions to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

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